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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building,
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 10 April 1956

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of
Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Alan Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

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1. Approval of Minutes

3 April Meeting
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Approved as written, except for item 6 a which was revised to read as follows:

"a. Approved further very limited dissemination of this report, as amended, to specifically selected individuals and directed JAEIC to prepare a sanitized version for more general distribution."

2. Watch Committee Report

No. 296

a. Noted.

b. General Cabell noted that the Watch Committee had held a special meeting on the previous day to report on the Arab-Israeli situation. In the discussion of this report, Admiral Layton raised the question of whether steps might be taken which could increase the usefulness of these reports to the consumer. Various problems in connection with the preparation and use of these reports were then discussed by the members. General Cabell said that in his capacity as Chairman of the Watch Committee he would take cognizance of the views expressed.

3. Third Annual Report of
the Advisory Committee
on Foreign Language
Publications

(IAC-D-60/5, 26 March 1956)

a. The report was noted.

b. In response to a question by the AEC member, Mr. [redacted] said that the Committee's efforts have been integrated with those of other interested parties in respect of the translation of certain documents of particular interest to the AEC and National Science Foundation.

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c. General Cabell commented briefly on various aspects of the Committee's activities, including the substantially increased volume of interagency procurement of foreign language publications, and other developments regarding exploitation and reference.

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5. SNIE 100-4-56

Possibility of Chinese Communist
Military Action Against Certain
Offshore Islands

a. Approved as amended.

b. Agreed that no post-mortem was necessary on this estimate.

c. Agreed that no separate validity study was necessary, inasmuch as paragraph 1 of this estimate was in effect such a study of NIE 13-56, "Chinese Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1960," published 5 January 1956.

6. NIE 88-56

Probable Developments
in Colombia

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation of the post-mortem on this estimate.

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c. Agreed that no validity study was necessary since there was no previously published NIE on Colombia.

7. NIE 61-56
Probable Developments
in Burma

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation of the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Noted the validity study of NIE 74, "Probable Developments in Burma Through 1953," published 20 February 1953.

Adjournment: 1225



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